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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4589

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MARR, SP

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF CHIEF OF HIGH GENERAL STAFF

REF: MADRID 4031

1. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO NEW INFORMATION ON REASONS FOR GENERAL DIEZ-ALEGRIA'S ABRUPT REPLACEMENT JUNE 14, WORTH NOTING HE HAS SINCE BEEN SEEN FREQUENTLY AT VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION. ON THAT OCCASION HE WAS AFFABLE AND GREGARIOUS AND AS WOULD BE EXPECTED BETRAYED NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL CHAGRIN OR EMBARRASSMENT. MORE RECENTLY HE PAID HIS FAREWELL CALL ON FRANCO IN LAST MILITARY AUDIENCE HELD BY FRANCO BEFORE ENTERING HOSPITAL. HE LATER CALLED ON FRANCO IN HOSPITAL. DIEZ-ALEGRIA HAS BEEN LISTED IN BOLETIN OFICIAL AS "DISPONIBLE" (AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT), WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NORMAL FOR OFFICERS WHO ENTER THE QUASI-RETIREMENT

STATUS DESIGNATED AS "CATEGORY B".

2. DATT WAS TOLD BY ARMY MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT DIEZ-ALEGRIA HAS NOT BEEN INVITED TO SEVERAL SOCIAL EVENTS WHICH HE HAS NORMALLY ATTENDED IN PAST AND TO WHICH HIS RANK WOULD MERIT AN INVITATION WHETHER HE WAS "DISPONIBLE" OR NOT, I.E., RECEPTION BY ARMY MINISTER FOR ALL FOREIGN ATTACHES, RECEPTION BY ARMY MINISTER FOR U.S. MILITARY MISSION, AND FRANCO'S JULY 18 RECEPTION AT LA GRANJA. THIS WAS DESCRIBED AS FORMAL POLICY DECISION OF ARMY MINISTER COLOMA. DIEZ-ALEGRIA TOLD DATT HE PLANS TO RETURN TO MADRID AFTER SUMMER VACATION IN ASTURIAS TO CONTINUE WORKING ON HIS MILITARY WRITINGS.

3. APPARENTLY WHILE DIEZ-ALEGRIA STILL REMAINS UNDER A CLOUD, NO PARTICULAR MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED TO RESTRICT HIS ACTIVITY SUCH AS RUMORED SHORTLY AFTER HIS DISMISSAL.
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